



City of New Orleans
St. Bernard / McDonogh 35
(Willie Hall Playground)
Stormwater Resilience Project

Community Meeting

July 11, 2018



Welcome!

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- City of New Orleans
 - Vince Smith & Palmer Rinehart, Capital Projects
 - Maya Wyche & Shonnda Smith, NORD
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- Consultant Team
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 - Thomas Massey – Stantec
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 - Tanzania Jones – Outreach Process Partners



Agenda

1. Presentation

- Meeting Purpose
- Gentilly Resilience District
- Goals and Vision
- Neighborhood Improvements

2. What's Next & Questions

3. Break-Out Session



What's the purpose of this meeting?

- To provide you with information about the project.
- We want to hear from you!



Gentilly Resilience District

New Orleans' Vision for Gentilly:

- Resilient, thriving, healthy, and safe model neighborhood
- Revitalize the neighborhood and spur economic growth
- Improved transportation connections
- Civic space for all ages





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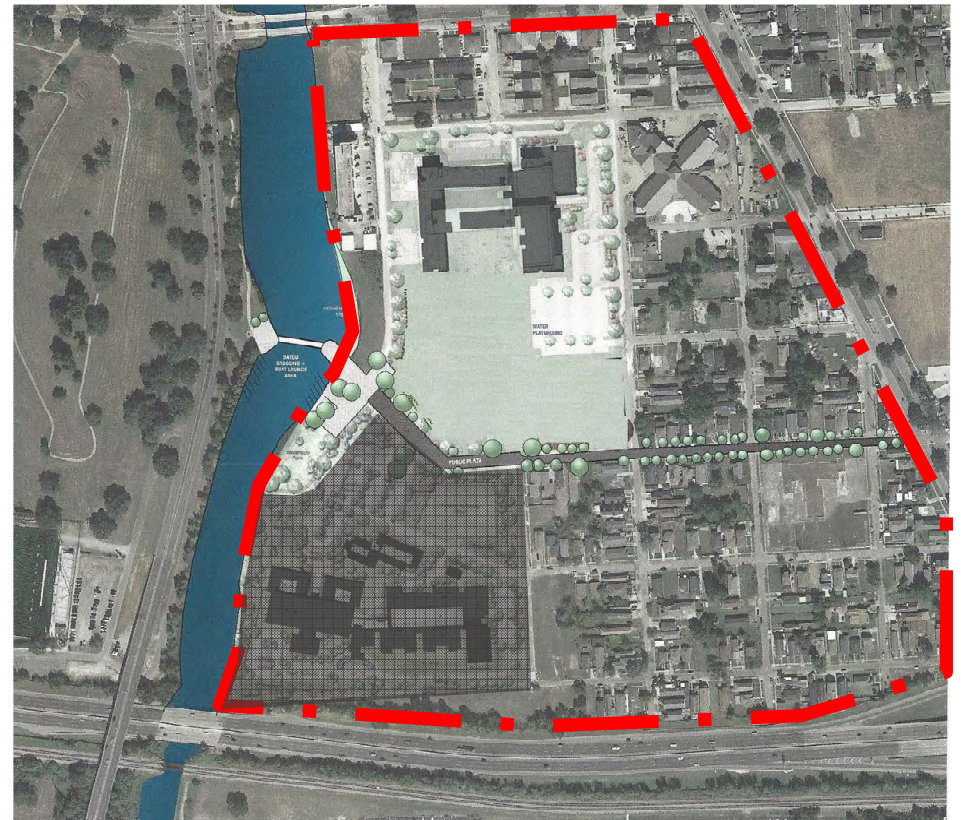
Project Site

- McD35/Willie Hall Playground
- Neighborhood Improvements



Project Goal – Improve Quality of Life

- **Financial** – Reduce flood risk to neighborhood utilizing stormwater retention under fields.
- **Social** – Brings the community together during recreational activities.
- **Environmental** – Landscaping to Improve green space.
- **Economic** – Neighborhood Revitalization.



Project Site – Willie Hall Playground

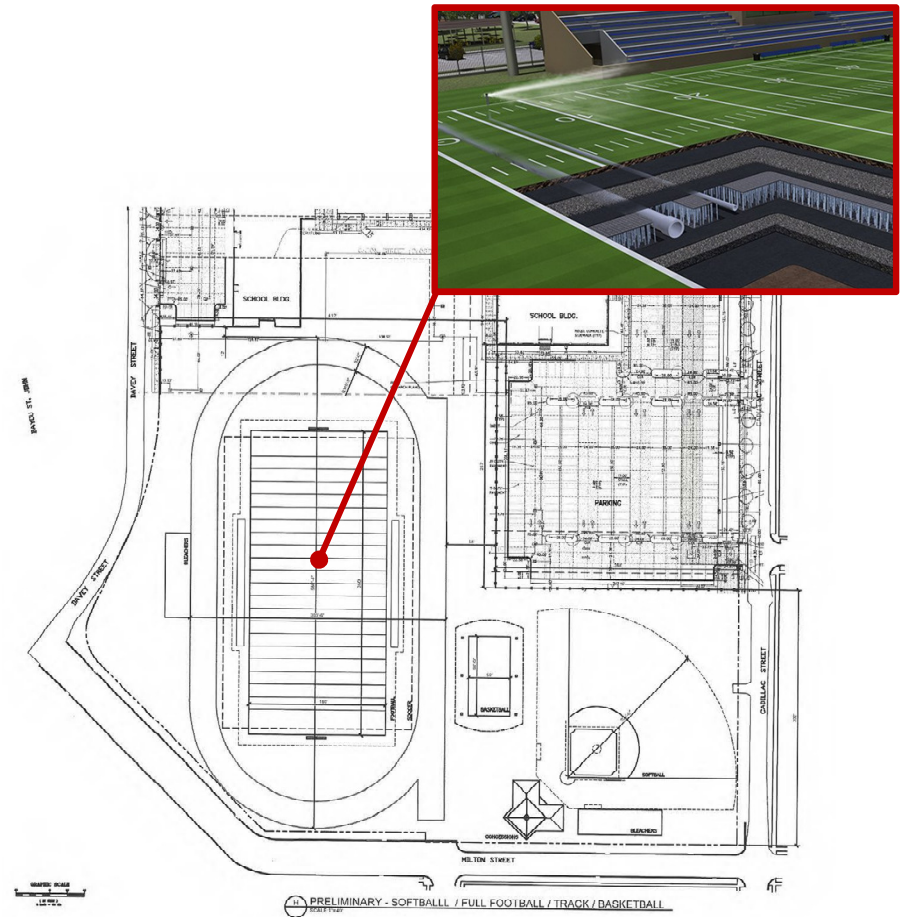
Site Features:

- Football/Soccer Field
- Softball Field
- Basketball Court
- Playground Equipment
- Lighting
- Concession/Restrooms
- Equipment Storage



Willie Hall Playground

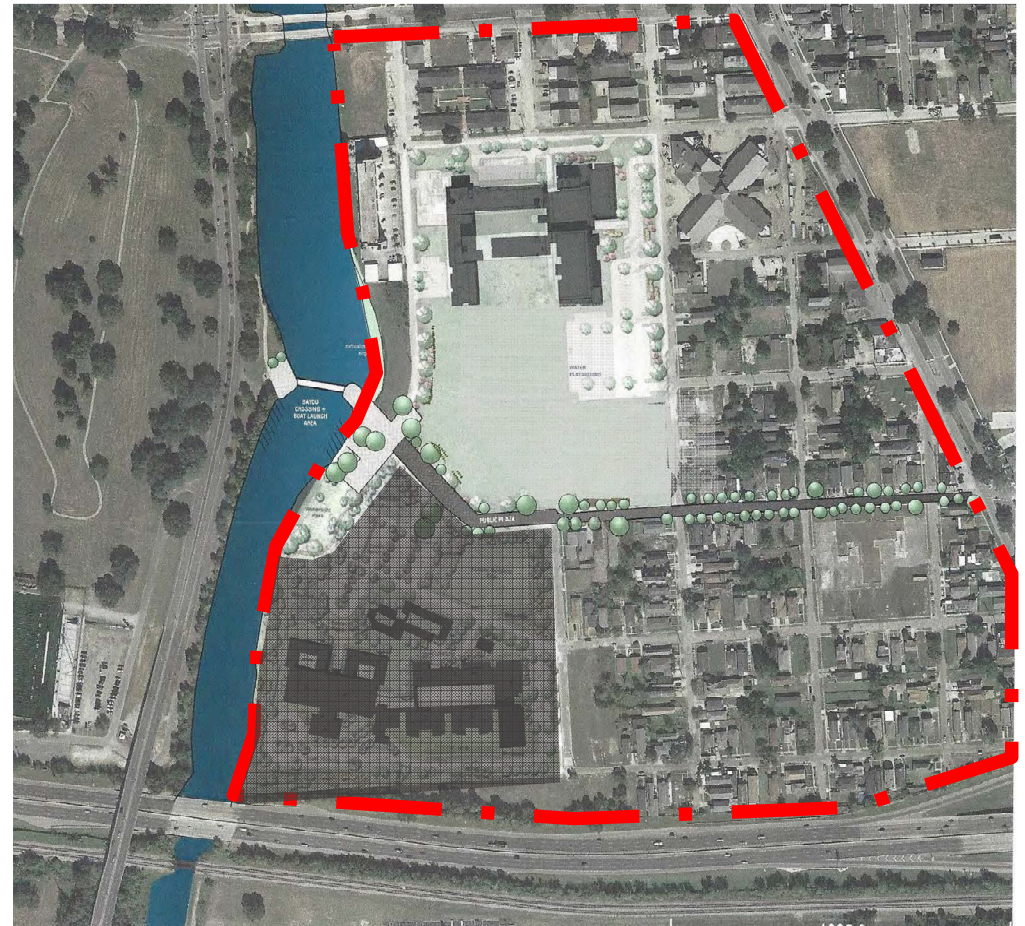
- Storage Volume to reduce flooding for the neighborhood
- 50 Year Design Life
- Playground gains new turf
- Maximizes use of fields after storms



Neighborhood Improvements

Possible Features:

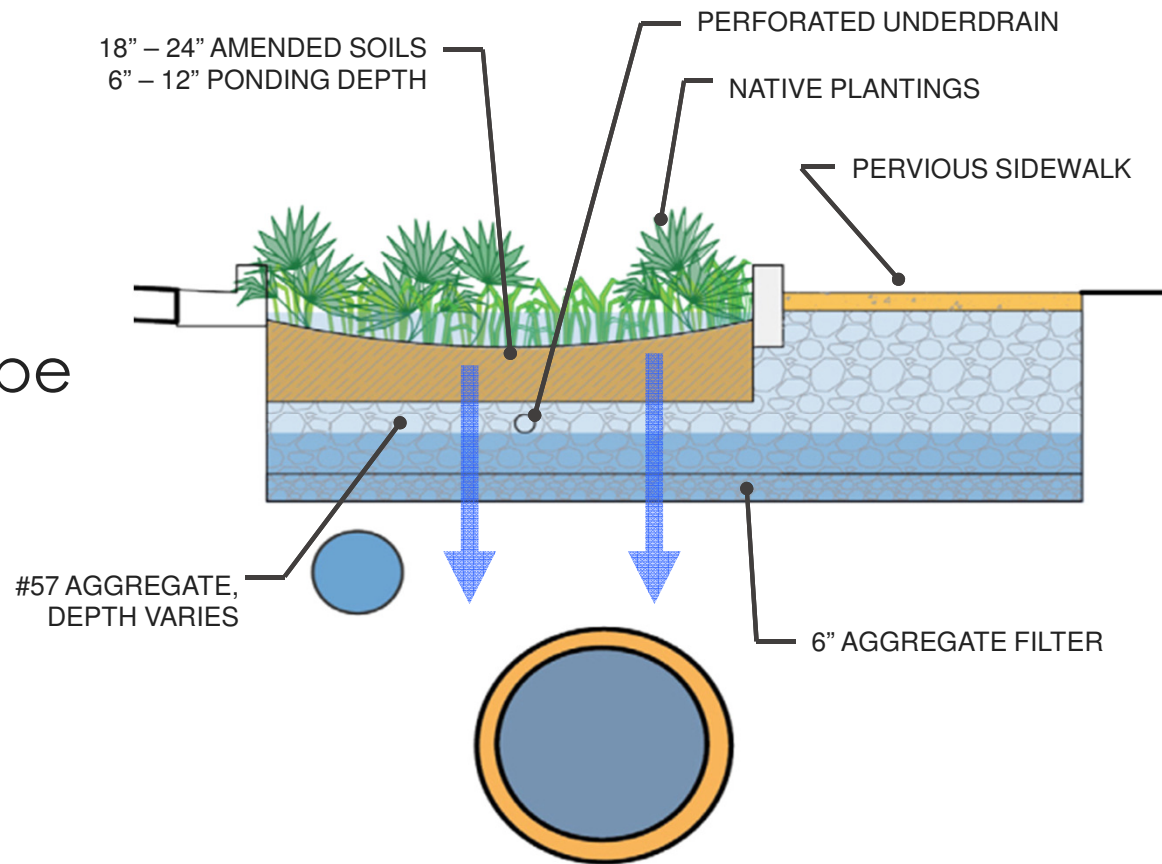
- Promenade to Bayou St John
- Playground
- Shade shelters for picnics and barbeque
- Kayak/canoe access
- Raingardens



Neighborhood Improvements

Goal: Reduce flood risk and subsidence

- Rain gardens at key locations
- As a street corner landscape improvement
- Connected to pervious sidewalk grid to form an integrated system



Rain Gardens



Neighborhood Improvements

Goal: Bring the Community Together

- Access to public open recreation space
- Create Walkable / Bikeable Community
- Blue Bike Program
- Reconnect to City Park
- Increase in active lifestyle



Neighborhood Improvements

Goal: Improve Public Health & Environment

- Improve public health
- Increase tree canopy & shaded areas
- Create a more natural environment



Neighborhood Improvements

Goal: Neighborhood Revitalization

- Increase in property values
- Home and property improvements
- Redevelopment opportunities
- Improve security with lighting
- Increase in local workforce during construction



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Redevelopment Opportunities





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What's Next



What's next?

- Conceptual & Schematic Design: Now through October 2018
- Next Public Meeting: October 2018
- Final Design: November through July 2019
- Public Meeting: July 2019
- Construction Start: November 2019



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Questions?



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Break-Out Session

Three Stations:

- Flood Maps
- Opinion Survey
- Written Comments



Station 1
Observed
Flooding

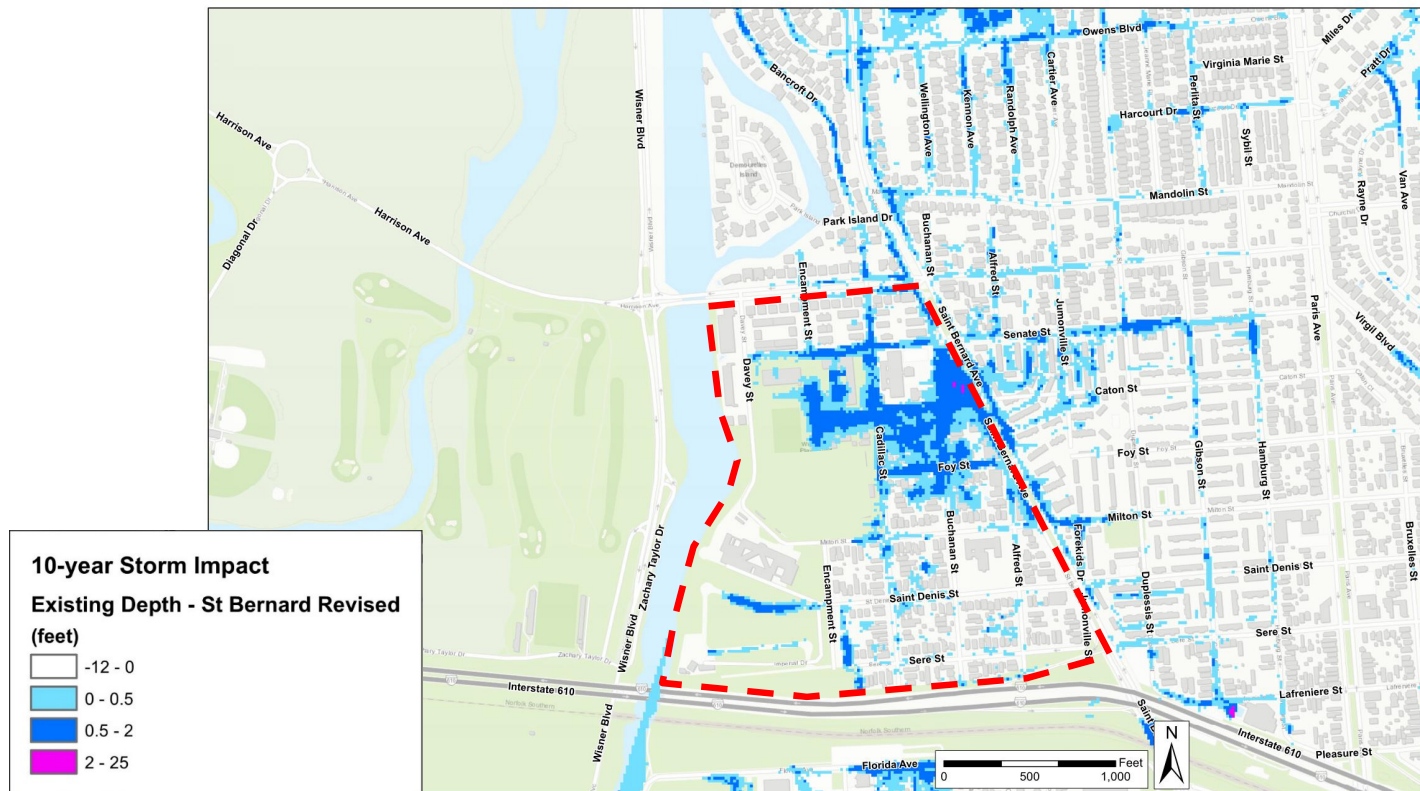
Observed Flooding on May 18, 2018

Flooding Reports



Station 1
Modeled
Flooding

10-Year, 24-Hour (10% Chance)



Station 2
Project
Polling

What best describes you? (Select one)

- ☐ Neighborhood Resident
- ☐ McD 35 Facility User
- ☐ Other Stakeholder

What project goals are most important to you? (Rank 1- 4)

Resiliency (Reduce Flood Risk) Skip

1

1

4

Strongly disagree Strongly agree

Social (Recreation Activities) Skip

1

1

4

Strongly disagree Strongly agree

Environmental (Landscaping green space) Skip

1

1

4

Strongly disagree Strongly agree

Economic (Neighborhood revitalization) Skip

1

1

4

Strongly disagree Strongly agree

What project features are most important to you? (100 points to split among the features)

Recreation and Sport Facilities for McD 35/Willie Hall Playground

0 points

-10

+10

100 points left

Promenade to Bayou St. John with Park Amenities

0 points

-10

+10

100 points left

Improved Drainage and Rain Gardens

0 points

-10

+10

100 points left

Improved Neighborhood Landscaping

0 points

-10

+10

100 points left